

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: ) Confirmation No.: 8246  
Richard William FLING ) Group Art Unit: 2613  
Application No.: 10/754,574 ) Examiner: Dalzid E. Singh  
Filed: January 12, 2004 )

For: FIBRE OPTIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to an Election/Restriction Requirement mailed March 27, 2007, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, comprising claims 1-11 and 33, drawn to fiber optic communication system using optical time domain reflectometry transceivers, classified in class 398, subclass 20.

According to the M.P.E.P. § 803, if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it may include claims to independent or distinct inventions. The Examiner must show that there would be a serious burden if the restriction is not required. Applicants respectfully submit that a search of all pending claims would be not a serious burden on the Examiner. Further, at the Examiner's disposal are powerful electronic search engines providing the Examiner with the ability to quickly and easily search all of the claims. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of all pending claims.

Should Examiner believe anything further is necessary to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below. In the event this paper is not time filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036.

Respectfully submitted,

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